

## Morocco - 5 Day Trip

Morocco Marrakech & Essaouira

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Marrakech &ndash; The gateway to the desert, the meeting and marketplace of African, Berber and Arab Morocco. A city of tranquillity and throbbing intensity. The city's red pise (dried mud) walls rise from the red earth, glowing in the late afternoon sun; the vast souks fill with people late in the day; the drums of the Djemaa el Fna, the central square which is a circus of fortune tellers, musicians, story-tellers, snake charmers and food stalls. On the edge of the Medina are the palmeries, olive groves and gardens which stretch to the snow capped High Atlas mountains in the distance.

Essaouira &ndash; 3 hours west of Marrakech, on the Atlantic Ocean lies the Port of Essaouira, once ruled by the Portuguese. The bustling fishing harbour always full of activity and teeming with small boats. The ramparts and former battlements of the city provide excellent views of the sweeping bay and islands. A beautiful white washed medina, with small alleyways and narrow streets with blue shutters and brightly painted doors. The fresh sea breezes provide a fine and refreshing contrast to the streets of Marrakech

### Day 1

Arrive Marrakech and transfer to Riad/Hotel. Late afternoon/ Evening shoot of the Djemaa El Fna. We take dinner in a local restaurant &ndash; 1st night Riad/Hotel B/B

### Day 2

Walking out from our hotel before breakfast a dawn shoot as the Medina comes alive. A whole day photographing the Medina of Marrakech. We wander through the souks and the main square by day. Taking in all the stall holders, the vibrant colours of the dyers souks, metal workers and spice bazaars. In the late afternoon we climb up onto a terrace overlooking the Djemaa El Fna, to shoot from above ,the hustle and bustle of the Square below. Dinner &ndash; 2nd night Riad/Hotel B/B

### Day 3

Optional early morning shoot and then after taking breakfast, rendezvous with our vehicle. We head out to Jardin Marjorelle - the beautiful gardens in the new town of Guilez, designed and given to the people of Marrakech as gift in the 1930's by painter Jacques Marjorelle. Morning shoot in the gardens, before making the drive to the coastal town on Essaouira. After taking lunch, spend the afternoon photographing the harbour, boat building and sunset from the ramparts. Dinner in one of the fish restaurants by the Ocean  
1 night Riad/Hotel B/B

#### Day 4

Morning in Essaouira. Shooting the small narrow streets, alleys and doorways of the Medina  
Make the 3 hour journey back to Marrakech and to our Riad/Hotel. Final night dinner  
B/B

#### Day 5

Transfer to airport for flight departures

#### N.B Flights

British Airways, Royal Air Maroc, Easy Jet and Atlas Blue all provide services from the UK to Marrakech.  
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